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Gordon Persons, '25

The Inauguration

STANDING on the spot where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office as president of the Confederacy some 90 years ago, Gordon Persons, '25, was sworn in as governor of Alabama last January 15.

For the new governor, it was a boyhood dream come true. And as the silver haired 47-year-old Montgomerian was installed the newspapers of the state again opened to him their editorial hearts. For Gordon Persons, elected last May from a field of 15 candidates, shows promise of being that rare political bird, a public official who gets along with almost everyone.

Even as he was being sworn in, Governor Persons asserted that he would never again seek public office. By announcing his decision to retire from politics following the expiration of his term as governor, he served notice to all Alabama that he intended to make his official decisions uninfluenced by considerations for his political future.

"Because I want to give Alabama four years of good government, I made up my mind a long time ago that under no condition would I ever again offer myself for public office on either a city, state, or national level."

Then, as if to make certain that there could be no misinterpretation of that statement, he added: "This decision is final and is a promise from me to the people of Alabama. It is a promise that, like all others I have made to you, will be respected."

It started in '48

THE Persons story should, perhaps, be started back in 1948. For it was in that year's election that Gordon Persons polled 233,000 votes in his race for the presidency of Alabama's Public Service Commission. The combined total votes of his two opponents didn't go above 41,000.

That this landslide victory had been no fluke was proven last May. In the campaign for the governorship he piled up 50,000 votes more than did his nearest opponent. And there were no less than 15 candidates in that election.

After this convincing display of strength, his closest opponent decided to withdraw from the impending runoff. It was certain then that Mr. Persons would soon be Gov. Persons.

Once again, assurance

THE oath of office was administered by Montgomery Circuit Judge Walter B. Jones, '12. Following this, Gov. Persons delivered his inaugural address. It was 12 minutes in length, but in those few minutes the new governor once again gave the people of Alabama assurance of his determination to give the state four years of good government.

Recognizing the current unrest and the prevailing atmosphere of crisis in the world today, Gov. Persons asked all Alabamians to remember that they are Americans and a part of a world struggle. He added: "Its outcome will mean either life and happiness to ourselves and to our children, or death and destruction to us all. In such a time, with freedom in the balance, our state and nation deserve the best that each of us has to give."

In calling on all the people of the state to join with the rest of the nation in the struggle for democracy he said: "Our job is to see that American loyalty, American energy, American faith is greater by far than that of the Communists and their slaves. We must whip them not only with superior arms and fighting qualities, but with superior skill, unity, and belief in the justice of our cause."

As he spoke, Alabama's 31st National Guard Unit was on its way to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, to enter active duty. In the belief that elaborate ceremonies would be out of place in this period of anxiety, the customary Inauguration Parade and Ball were cancelled.

In state affairs

TURNING to state affairs, Gov. Persons outlined his proposed program. He called the "critical" needs of the public schools the "prime consideration for



ALABAMA'S new governor is Gordon Persons, '25. Gov. Persons was inaugurated last January 15 at a simple ceremony in Montgomery. Although during his brief political career he has

my administration."

In this connection he said: "We must offer attractions comparable to those offered in other fields of endeavor in order to keep and attract the kind of teachers Alabama needs."

shown himself to be one of the greatest vote-getters in state history he has announced his decision to make his term as governor his last as a public office holder. Other news of him on page nine

Referring to the State Prison and Parole Board, the governor termed it "urgently in need of attention." He added that "under responsible supervision our basically good system can be made to function in a way that will bring honor to the state."

In his address he touched again on the platform on which he was elected. He reiterated his intention to work for a flat \$3 automobile tag, elimination of "abuses" in the state-owned liquor system, legislative reapportionment, "a climate of cooperation" between management and labor, expansion of the state's publicity department to advertise Alabama to tourists and industry, and inclusion in the constitution of the merit system of hiring and firing state employees.

The new governor said he would welcome constructive criticism of his administration, but he distinguished between constructive and destructive criticism. "There is no place in Alabama for those negative ones who encourage strife and hatred as a means of building their own power. That belongs to another world."

Following the inauguration the governor and his family drove to Alabama's new governor's mansion where a reception was held. That was the extent of the simple ceremonies, Alabama had a new governor.

Front to Back

Club News

Auburn Clubs all over the country are reporting and if you're unsure about the club nearest you check the Club Directory on page three.

The "Job Hunter"

Shoved into the background during the war years, Auburn's cooperative program today is booming.

On The Campus

In January the Auburn campus saw the "Y" Hut enter its second century of existence. A King reigned, and plans were made for Religious Emphasis Week.

Sports in Brief

The Plainsmen keep a better than .500 record on the court, and their SEAAU championship wrestlers go into action again.

OTHER REGULAR FEATURES INCLUDED

The Alumni Are Active

IN our "Club News" column, as in almost all of our features, we depend entirely upon communications from you, our readers. We are as anxious as you to give your club and its activities space in these pages. To do so, however, we must first receive the news from the clubs. When your club meets, be sure to mail us that news. If you have a particularly interesting program, tell us. Your ideas, passed along in the Club News column, may be of help to other clubs. We are always glad to get pictures of meetings, and it has been our policy, as far as space permits, to print the names of those attending meetings. Again, we can do this only if we get a list of the names. So, send those stories in!

Opelika

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed in the formation of an Auburn Club in Opelika.

Officers of the Opelika Club are Dave W. Canon, '38, president; J. L. Whatley, '21, first vice president; Tom B. O'Brien, '27, second vice president; Horace H. McCurry, Jr., '49, secretary; and Clement Torbert, Sr., '27, treasurer.

St. Clair County

THE Auburn Club of St. Clair County held a dinner meeting at the Black and White Gardens in Pell City last January 15.

On the program was Elmer J. Bissell, '39, secretary of the Auburn Educational Foundation, Inc., of Birmingham.

President of the St. Clair group is Howard L. Eubanks, '33.

Heart of Georgia

AT a meeting of the Heart of Georgia Auburn Club held in Macon, Georgia, last December officers for the coming



SWEATERS were the order of the day as Auburn students relaxed at the annual Sophomore Sweater Stomp at the Student Activities Building in January. Three of the couples, left to right: Anne

Draughon, Auburn; Tommy Groover, Birmingham; Mary Cromartie, Leesburg, Georgia; Bob Johnson, Albany, Georgia; Margaret Ann Draper, Birmingham, and Wert McNeley, Montgomery

year were elected.

Bill Casson, '36, was named president. Vice president is A. D. Ware, '41.

Other vice presidents elected to serve with Casson include Orbie Bostic, '32, membership vice president; Harry Kendall, '15, athletic vice president; Haywood L. Ellis, '36, program vice president; Mrs. Allie Bates Jolley, '36, director of publicity; and Chris Sheridan, '38, secretary-treasurer.

Mobile County

A DINNER meeting of the Mobile

County Auburn Club was held last January 4 in the Civic Room of the Battle House in Mobile.

Guests and speakers were Harry M. "Happy" Davis, '32, executive secretary of the Auburn Alumni Association; Travis Tidwell, '49, quarterback of the New York Giants professional football team, and Auburn's football coach, Earl Brown.

Doctor Phillip Gilchrist, '36, was elected president of the Mobile Club at the meeting.

Kingsport, Tennessee

RECENT activities of the Kingsport Auburn Club have been an Alumni Dance and a dinner meeting.

Held during last November, the Alumni Dance is an annual affair sponsored jointly by the several alumni clubs in Kingsport.

At the dinner meeting, held last December, 28 members of the club attended. Officers for 1951 were elected. Charles Gibson, '15, was chosen president. Other officers named were Curtis Jennings, '37, vice president; Mrs. Tyler Young, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. John R. Hatfield, Jr., '42, reporter.

A Christmas party served as entertainment for the group. President Gibson acted as Santa Claus, distributing comic gifts which the members had brought.

The Kingsport Club carries on a full annual program, with meetings scheduled every month. During the summer the meetings usually take the form of picnics. The group's membership is drawn from Kingsport and nearby Johnson City and Bristol.

Atlanta, Georgia

THE Auburn Club of Atlanta met at the Capital City Club last November 28.

Club officers are W. C. (Red) Sugg, '31, president; H. Eugene Williams, Jr., '29, and Oscar D. Asbell, '31, vice presidents; and Thorne S. Winter, Jr., '30, secretary-treasurer.

Jefferson County

THE annual Football Banquet of the Jefferson County Auburn Club was held in the Terrace Ballroom of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham last December 18.

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AUBURN'S alumni are going into the armed services in increasing numbers. In order that we may continue to bring you news of the college and of your classmates, please keep us posted on any change of address you may have or of any change in your personal status if you enter or reenter the service. We'll send you The Alumnews just as long as we have your address. So, if you are swapping your tweeds and flannels for a uniform, let us know.

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By Harry M. "Happy" Davis, '32

Executive Secretary
Auburn Alumni Association



Is Everybody Happy?

THIS is the time of year when we are all making an accounting for our stewardship. Most of us are able to give glowing reports of past activities because surely it has been a year of great plenty. Probably the all-time boom year of history.

In spite of the position the Alumni Association now holds, I somehow feel terribly inadequate. As the past five years went fleeting by, the Association—its membership, its projects, its clubs, and all its various activities—increased by leaps and bounds.

Consequently the work in the Alumni Office increased in proportion. I now find it difficult to travel about and visit with the clubs and with many of my friends who have worked so diligently in bettering our Association.

This allows for gaps which sometimes grow ever wider. Sometimes little petty differences will increase into major misunderstandings. Friendships cease and enmities develop and all over nothing at all.

And as I think of the many long and anxious periods I have spent trying to decide which path to follow and what course I should take, I sometimes feel, as I am sure you do, "Well, what's the use of it all?"

We Americans must not allow ourselves to develop that attitude. We, all of us, have just been through a period and are still in a period of plenty. It is true that dark clouds are on the horizon and confusion surrounds us.

Perhaps it is an anticlimax to our Christmas period when, more than any other time of the year, we all feel a spiritual consciousness of our moral responsibilities. The very fact that there is confusion among us and yet all around us there is a bountiful plenty should convince us of our inadequacies and bring us to an humble realization of our relationship with our fellow man and the necessity of understanding.

On this relationship hangs all the law. How simple it all becomes. So much for so little. There should be no anticlimax for us. Can't we cast aside this attitude of doubt and apprehension and remember this period when "God is on high, and on earth peace to men of good will."

Wouldn't this be an excellent time to renew our faith in Auburn? For surely, Auburn will never die. Since 1852 she has ridden the crest, sometimes reaching new depths, but always she has sailed with her banners high.

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An Auburn Club Directory

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Heart of Georgia

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Miami, Florida

Orlando, Florida

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Kingsport, Tennessee

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Chattanooga, Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee

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McCampbell Lane
Knoxville, Tennessee

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Memphis, Tennessee

New Orleans, Louisiana

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Billy D. Barton, '43
124 Robinson Place
Shreveport, Louisiana

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Greater New York

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American Telephone and Telegraph Co.
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New York, New York

Schenectady, New York

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General Electric Co.
Schenectady, New York

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And exactly half are

Within Alabama



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Bay Minette, Alabama

Calhoun County

A. S. Matthews, '39
County Agent's Office
Anniston, Alabama

Conecuh County

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Decatur, Alabama

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Carl Hare, '21
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PO Box 114
Camden, Alabama

Valley

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Fairfax, Alabama

Will the bell ring?

The Future Fogged Over

NO one thought that the situation was perfectly normal, but as the fall quarter progressed and the news from Korea brightened, the atmosphere of impending doom that had been so real to Auburn's students began to lighten.

Then came the blow. The Chinese Communists swarmed into Korea and once again the Auburn undergraduate saw his future fogged over. As they left for home and the Christmas holidays many of the A.P.I. men students, certain at last in their convictions, pondered over enlistment.

Their problem was not whether to enlist or not, but rather, what branch of service to try for. Not a few were able to make the decision. And, almost to a man, those who did return to continue their education did so half-convinced that the whole thing was just a waste of time.

In an effort to check the growing unrest, A.P.I. President Ralph B. Draughon addressed an open letter to the student body. Published in the first winter quarter issue of *The Plainsman*, the letter urged students to base any personal decision on a thorough, mature, consideration of facts rather than on rumor and emotion.

Said Dr. Draughon: "I wish to remind each of you that in times of national emergency our first duty is to serve the country. The question is not whether we will serve, but rather,



DR. DRAUGHON

"... Keep a level head."

how we may better serve the national need.

"I know that each of you that is eligible for military duty is disturbed as to what course you should pursue. I know that many of you feel that it is better to enlist now in the branch of your choice, than to wait for a call through Selective Service. I think I can understand all of the uncertainties you face because I went through the same experiences in 1917-18, and I observed the students here at the beginning of World War II."

The letter continued: "I think the best investment of your time and energy for the present would be to stay in college. I think the armed forces and the related defense services need people with more education as officers and technical specialists. I think the experience gained in World War II will justify this viewpoint.

"Finally, I urge you not to jump to conclusions. Do not act hastily. Do not act on rumor. If you are disturbed, seek advice before taking action. Talk it over with college officials and your friends on the faculty. Discuss your problems with your parents. Keep a level head.

"There will be more opportunities for you if you have more training.

You owe it to yourself and to the country to serve where your ability can be used to the maximum."

In the same issue, *The Plainsman* editorialized: "There will be plenty of war to go around before the battle of ideologies is over.

"Right now, the best place for a college student, from a federal as well as a personal standpoint, is in college, increasing his knowledge and skill."

The editorial concluded, in a similar vein: "Until his postponement of induction is lifted or his deferment due to military training comes to an end upon completion of the military and college curricula, the place for the college man is in college."

It was all good advice, but still it left the average student just about where he was to begin with.

Like a prize fighter who has absorbed one punch too many, he was groggy under the impact of one crisis after another. And, like that same prize fighter, he felt that he was on the ropes trying desperately to hang on until the bell.

But within himself the conviction was growing that the bell wouldn't ring anymore.



LISTENING intently, Auburn's reservists tried to find something in the statement that would apply to their personal cases. Dr. Dave Mullins, A.P.I. Executive Vice President, called the reservists together in Jan-

uary in order that he might share with them any information relative to their present or future status that he has been able to collect in his talks and conferences with representatives of the services and with government offi-

cials. Langdon Hall was filled for the meeting. A good portion of those present were members of the faculty, and a larger percentage were veterans. Following a statement by Dr. Mullins, representatives of the services in the

form of A.P.I.'s staffers spoke. Col. George Privett, ROTC, Capt. Lewis M. Markham, NROTC, and Lt. Col. George Taaffe, AROTC, made brief talks and the meeting was thrown open for questions from the floor. The reservists had many

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He "bird-dogs" jobs

Auburn's Co-operative Program

THE "job-hunting-est" man on the Auburn campus is Alex O. Taylor, director of Auburn's co-operative program through which some 250 students earn and learn.

Taylor says he "bird-dogs" jobs all over the state for the co-operative students, sends them out for interviews, and then it's up to them. For the most part, students are placed in positions in their home towns if possible, for most of them rely a great deal on money earned during their working periods to pay for their college training.

Under the cooperative program, the student attends school for one quarter, then goes out to work for a quarter. With this arrangement, two students are usually assigned to the same job so that one will always be on hand while the other is attending school.

Patterned after the cooperative system that was begun at the University of Cincinnati, Auburn's program was started in 1937 by the late Dean John Wilmore.

At the beginning there were only 20 students enrolled, but the co-op enrollment swelled to 500 before the start of World War II. The co-op students dwindled to six during wartime, but the plan is again becoming popular with the change in the economic situation.

Twelve quarters of actual college work are required for a degree, but they are spread over a period of six instead of four years as the students acquire practical training along with theory. Students are paid directly by their employing firms at the rate paid anyone else for the same kind of work. Earnings depend upon ability, experience, occupation, industrial conditions, and other related factors.

"Going out on the first co-op job is a test run," Taylor says. "It's a chance to learn from experience and from the example of older men and women who find success in their jobs. Co-op students see good men in management and the way they work—work along side men whose labor builds quality into

their handiwork, whether it's a tangible product or an essential service."

Taylor believes that his co-op students get a college education that is really complete. They get all the regular academic college work in the classrooms and laboratories, and then go out on a proving ground in business, industry, and public service institutions.

The co-op program is based on the principle that practice and theory should be taught concurrently and should be coordinated. The employer, the young student, and the college all benefit by the program.

Courses offered on the co-operative basis at Auburn include: agriculture and banking, aeronautical administration, aeronautical engineering, building construction, business administration, chemistry, chemical engineering, civil engineering, communications engineering, engineering physics, electrical engineering, industrial management, laboratory technology, mechanical engineering, textile chemistry and textile engineering.

A few of the concerns employing A.P.I. cooperative students are Alabama Power Company, Atlanta & Saint Andrew Bay Railroad, Alabama Drydocks and Shipbuilding Company, Alabama Public Health Department, Alabama Highway Department, Alabama Marble, Bay Line Railroad, Barrett Company, Birmingham Waterworks, Birmingham Southern Railroad, Chicago Bridge, Combustion Engineering Company, Beaunite Rayon Company, Coosa Newsprint, J. B. Converse, Daniel Construction, Decatur Iron and Steel, Florida Pulp and Paper, Tennessee Valley Authority, and many others.

Many students continue with the same firms after graduation, and the employer gets the services of an energetic, ambitious employee who has worked not only for wages, but also for experience, a technical education, and a permanent job.

This story was recently released by the A.P.I. News Bureau.

Auburn In January

AFTER a freezing December, January offered Auburn pleasant relief. Bitter cold weather gave way to mild sunny days, with only an occasional chilliness to remind that it was still winter.

Enrollment failed to take the sharp dip that had been predicted. Although the 5900 figure represented a decline of some 700, a check on the normal fall-to-winter quarter decrease showed that 600-800 was the rule.

Students quickly fell into the familiar routine. Classes were met, classes were cut, and there were the dances. A mounting air of tension again became evident following the Communist successes in Korea, and Auburn's men students talked about the draft and enlistment.

The Auburn Independent Organization sponsored its annual King For A Day election, the Sophomore Sweater Stomp was held, and the Student Executive Cabinet wound up the preliminary steps in the process of voting itself out of existence.

All in all, January, 1951, was somewhat more eventful on the Plains than the usual, run-of-the-mill January.

Presbyterians meet

ALTHOUGH the college wasn't scheduled to open for another week, Auburn was crowded with students. Morning coffee hour found the local cafe full, waiters and waitresses busy. A close observer, however, would have noted a subtle difference between this crowd and Auburn's usual college crowd. These seemingly early and eager scholars were not only sipping coffee, they were also eating. Clearly, they weren't Auburn students.

For four days, from December 28 to December 31, more than 1700 Presbyterian young people from schools and colleges in 17 Southern states attended the Fourth Quadrennial Youth Convention of the Presbyterian Church held in Auburn.

Theme of the convention was "World Mission of the Church." College officials and fraternities cooperated with Auburn's Presbyterian Church, host for the convention, by making available their facilities to house and feed the delegates.

Rev. John H. Leith, pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, expressed appreciation for this cooperation in a letter to the students in the first 1951 issue of *The Plainsman*. Wrote Rev. Leith: "The college students who were delegates to the convention were very much impressed by Auburn and the friendliness of the campus. Around 1700 college students from 17 Southern states attended the convention and went away thinking that Auburn is a very fine place."

The Beaux Arts Ball

AUBURN'S architecture students, busy most of the year with their unending series of problems, are beginning to relax a bit. The reason? It's their big annual blow out, the Beaux Arts Ball, scheduled for February 23.

Sponsored by Khufu Chapter of Scarab Fraternity, the Ball is traditionally the most uninhibited event on the school's social calendar.

This year's Ball will have as its theme the Mardi Gras. Lawrence A. Alexander, a fourth year architecture student from Georgianna, will reign as King of the Ball. The queen will be elected at the Ball.

Soph Sweater Stomp

THE second annual Soph Sweater Stomp was held January 13 in the Student Activities Building. Dancing began at 9 p.m., following the Auburn-Georgia basketball game. Music was by the Auburn Knights.

Sponsored by the Sophomore Council, the Stomp is open to all students. Vann Owens is president of the sophomore class.

The second century

THE college's oldest building has entered its second century of use, and according to the reports of several architects who have subjected it to critical scrutiny, it may well be in use another hundred years hence.

The Y-Hut, originally the Auburn Presbyterian Church, has been mentioned in state guidebooks for many years as of interest to tourists. Many features of the Hut's construction, notably wooden pegs and hand hewn beams, suggest that the building was constructed with slave labor.

During the War Between the States the little church was converted to a hospital. Later, during the first World War, a Y.M.C.A. canteen was located in it. Then, launched into still another phase, the building housed for a while a kindergarten. Following this, it was turned over to the Y.W.C.A. It was from this that the Hut acquired its present name. Late in the 1920s the Auburn Players moved in, and for more than 20 years students have known it as the home of the Players.

Small and undistinguished in appearance, the Y-Hut has nevertheless played its role in Auburn's growth. Its old hand made red brick walls have echoed solemn Presbyterian hymns, the tortured groans of soldiers wounded in a bloody quarrel among fellow countrymen, the laughter and tears of little children, and the power, the beauty, of the theater's great plays. Few buildings have a prouder, more useful, heritage.

Religious Emphasis Week

PLANS have been completed for Auburn's annual Religious Emphasis Week. Scheduled for February 4-8, the program is sponsored by the Faculty Committee on Religious Life and the Student Council on Religious Activities.

Program chairman is Bob Swift, a senior in industrial management from Phenix City. The theme of this year's program is "God-Life-You."

An interdenominational project designed to bring the value of religion into the students everyday life, Religious Emphasis Week has in the past proven highly successful. Interesting and provocative speakers of many denominations have held morning and evening convocations, daily seminars, and just plain bull sessions in fraternity and boarding houses.

Eight speakers are scheduled to participate in the 1951 program. Of these, four have previously appeared on the campus, two of them on last year's program. Dr. T. Z. Koo, Chinese Christian leader, and Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Air Chaplain, USAF, will be taking part in their second program.

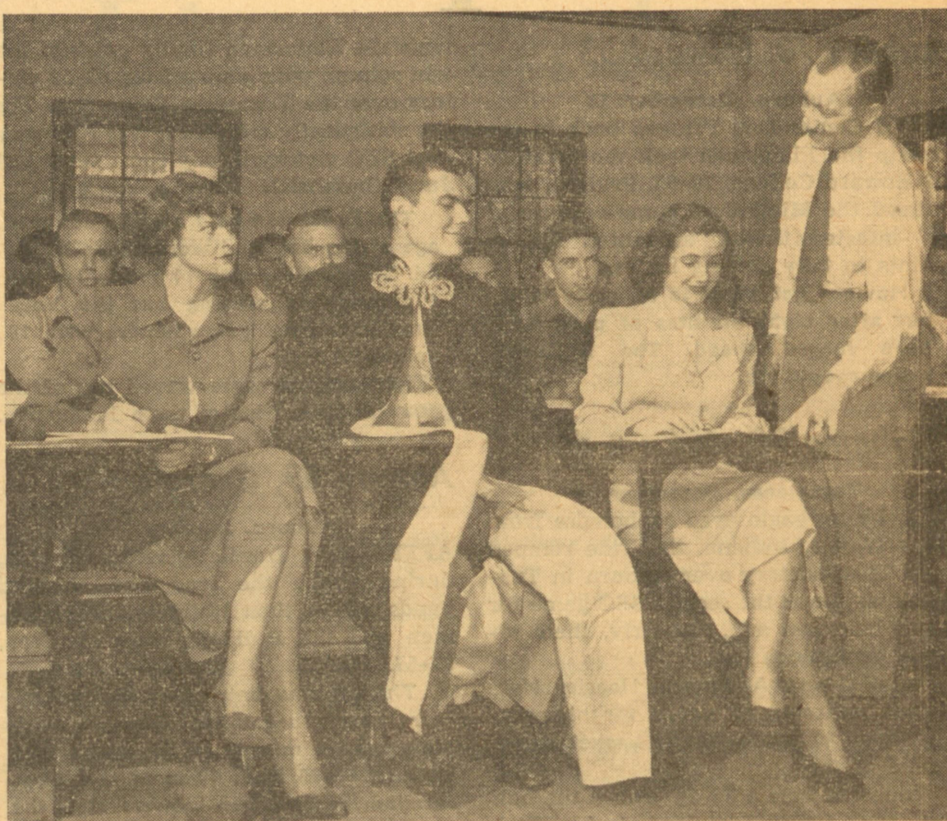
Miss Ruth Seabury, another participant, has appeared at A.P.I. in the lectures and concerts series. Francis Pickens Miller, consultant with the U. S. Department of State, recently spoke at Auburn during the Presbyterian Youth Convention.

Other speakers for the week are: Alfred L. Goodman, Rabbi, Temple Israel, Columbus, Georgia; Kenneth R. Hoffman, chaplain, Lutheran Hospital, Mississippi; Beatrice V. Marion, director of the Pre-Marriage and Marriage Counseling Service, Richmond, Virginia; Rev. Joseph McNutt, St. Joseph School, Holy Trinity, Alabama.

Players plan trip

NOW in its 32nd season of dramatic production, the Auburn Players are busy with plans for their annual spring tour. Sidney Howard's comedy, "The Late Christopher Bean," will be the Players' road production this year.

The tour will begin about the middle of March. It will continue through the latter part of April. For the most part, the road trips will be limited to locations within an 85 mile radius of Auburn.



COLLECTING approximately 15,600 votes, Robert Lisenby, Newville, was elected King For A Day in the annual election sponsored by the Auburn Independent Association. Among his prizes were the services of two secretaries, who took notes for him in all his classes.

However, Professor Telfair B. Peet has announced that if a sufficient number of requests are received from the extreme southern portion of the state a more extended tour during March 16-21 (during the spring holidays) may be arranged.

More commissions

TO the growing number of Auburn-trained officers the ROTC and AROTC units added 39 cadets during last December.

Colonel George P. Privett, professor of military science and tactics, announced the appointment of 33 second lieutenants to the U. S. Army Reserve. Of these, 11 were in the Corps of Engineers, six in the Signal Corps, nine in the Field Artillery, and seven in Armor.

Lieutenant Colonel George T. Taaffe, professor of air science and tactics, added the names of six students who had completed the AROTC Advanced Course and received appointments as second lieutenants in the U. S. Air Force Reserve.

'Down In The Valley'

UNDER the direction of Professor Charles Bentley, the Auburn Concert Choir will present Kurt Weill's operetta, "Down In The Valley," at Auburn February 19-20.

The production will be a three-way cooperative affair. Assisting the choir will be the Auburn Players, directed by Professor Telfair B. Peet, and the A.P.I. Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Professor Edgar C. Glyde.

A new constitution

AFTER an investigation lasting more than four months a special Executive Cabinet committee appointed to study the constitution of the Associated Undergraduates was ready to report.

Guided by Chairman Edwin Crawford, the Constitution Revision Committee had held frequent meetings, pulled the old constitution to bits and piece by piece decided it was obsolete. They proposed a complete overhauling of the student government machinery. If adopted, their plan would abolish the Student Executive Cabinet and substitute an organization to be called The Student Body of Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

The proposed set-up would be composed of a legislative, an executive, and a judicial branch. The legislature

Shown in a farm management class, left to right: Ernestine Mynard, Enterprise; King Robert; Sara Hicks, Headland; Prof. Ben Lamham. Purpose of the election is to raise money for the AIO scholarship fund. The fund was increased by more than \$470 this year.

would consist of 15 representatives from the classes. The executive department would be headed by a president elected by the student body. As his assistants, he would have a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and an Executive Cabinet of his own appointees. These cabinet members would have to be confirmed by the Senate.

The Student Jurisprudence Committee would handle judicial matters. Membership would be composed of one faculty member and six students.

A special meeting of the Cabinet was called to consider the proposed change. At the next regular meeting it was given the Cabinet stamp of approval and Auburn's students prepared to vote on the new constitution.

Few realized the full significance of what had happened. In short, a government had voted itself out of existence.

Everett appointed

JAMES P. Everett, Jr., a junior in agriculture from Rockmart, Georgia, has been appointed managing editor of *The Plainsman*. He succeeds Graham McTeer in the position.

McTeer, who graduated last December, had served as managing editor under five *Plainsman* editors. As far as anyone knew it was a record.

Banks on the ball

TOM Banks, Auburn's fine guard for the past two seasons, was one of the victorious South's outstanding players in both Montgomery's Blue-Grey game and Mobile's Senior Bowl contest.

In the Mobile game observers credited Tom with being in on "three out of every five" tackles. After the game the Southern captain, Kentucky's big All American tackle Bob Gain, presented the game football to Banks.

Said Gain: "Tom's one of the best little guys I ever saw. I don't know how he handled those big fellows in the line. They had me backing up, something I'd never done before, and Tom made me look mighty good."

McMillan attends

MALCOLM C. McMillan, associate professor in the A.P.I. History department, attended the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago last December 28.

Sports in Brief

Auburn 70, Howard 53

Auburn, December 13
WITH Center Dan Pridgen back in the lineup the Plainsmen took the measure of Howard College, 70-53. Pridgen, who missed the Mississippi game because of an infected throat, accounted for 16 points to take scoring honors.

Howard got away to an early lead, but after eight minutes of play Auburn forged ahead. The Bulldogs never caught up.

Alabama 70, Auburn 46

Tuscaloosa, December 19
LED by an eagle eyed sophomore from Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Tide romped to a 70-46 victory over Auburn in Tuscaloosa. It was the second SEC game for the Plainsmen and, similarly, their second conference loss.

Jim Grant, Alabama's Hoosier Hot Shot, collected 20 points for himself. He took 11 cracks at the basket, sank nine of them.

Alabama held a 36-24 lead at the half and were never in serious trouble. Jack Glasgow topped the Plainsmen scoring with 13 points.

Kentucky 79, Auburn 35

Lexington, Ky., January 5
IN their first 1951 game the Plainsmen fell, easy victims of Coach Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats, 79-35.

With their seven-foot center, Bill Spivey, leading the way the Wildcats had no trouble with Auburn. At the half the score stood 41-13. Spivey scored 18 points.

Don Lanford was Auburn's top scorer with seven points.

Vanderbilt 61, Auburn 51

Nashville, Tenn., January 6
STILL reeling from the Kentucky game, the Plainsmen were topped by Vanderbilt, 61-51. The Commodores held a 34-17 lead at the half.

Late in the game Auburn showed signs of life. With four minutes left and the Commodores tiring the Plainsmen pulled to within nine points of Vandy, 57-48. They couldn't get any closer.

Don Lanford and Bubber Farish netted 13 points each for Auburn.

Auburn 63, Tennessee 59

Knoxville, Tenn., January 8
AFTER four successive conference de-

feats the Plainsmen finally got into the win column with a surprising 63-59 victory over the Tennessee Volunteers. For the statistically minded, it was Auburn's first SEC victory in any sport since last June (baseball).

The Eavesmen held a 35-30 advantage at the half and were never headed. George Hill, with 14 points, led the Plainsmen in scoring but the Vols' Bartlett copped game honors with 19 points.

Eight players were waved out of the game on fouls, five of them Plainsmen.

Auburn 69, Georgia 68

Auburn, January 13
AFTER four frantic periods of play, during which the lead had changed hands no less than 16 times, the Plainsmen and the Bulldogs were all even, 57-57.

The see-saw battle left the spectators nearly breathless. Georgia, with less than a minute in the game, had held a 56-55 lead. Then as the 'Dogs stalled for time Don Lanford stole the ball. A quick relay, Lanford to Dan Pridgen to Bubber Farish, and the Plainsmen went into a one-point lead. There were just four seconds remaining when Georgia's Zippy Morocco sank a free throw to knot the score again.

In the extra period a total of 23 points were made, but the two that put the game away were tallied on a hook shot by Pridgen with 43 seconds left.

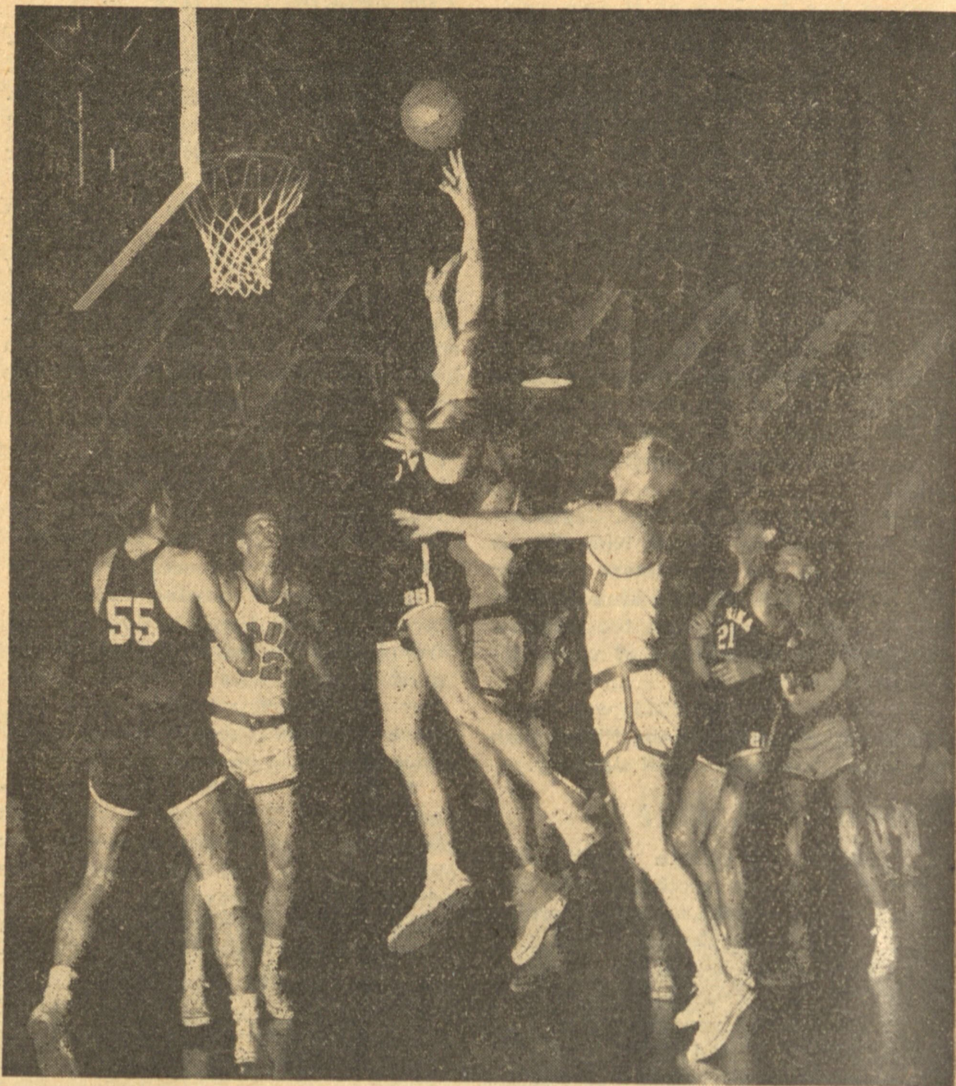
Alabama 65, Auburn 64

Auburn, January 18
DESPITE a last second scoring spurt by the Plainsmen, Alabama held on to a substantial early-game lead and eaked out a 65-64 victory over Auburn in the second meeting of the season between the two rivals.

The Crimson Tide held a 45-34 lead at the half, but in the second half Auburn began to peck away at that margin. With seven minutes left in the game Forward George Hill sank a foul shot and the Plainsmen had tied the score. Then Captain Lanford dropped one in from the floor and Auburn led, 60-58.

Alabama knotted the count again with a pair of free shots and with four minutes left Forward Bryant Ivey netted a shot to put them back into the lead, 63-62. There they stayed.

Lanford tallied 16 points to pace Auburn.



PAUL Sullivan, Alabama center, arches a shot at the basket in the second Auburn-Alabama basketball game of the season. The contest was held in Auburn during January. Behind Sullivan is Auburn Captain Don Lanford,

while Center Dan Pridgen (32) and Forward George Hill watch the shot. In background at right is Guard Roy Brawner. Alabama players are Forward Bryant Ivey, (55), Sullivan, and Forward Sammy Moore (21). Alabama won

Marines Call Hewlett

ASSISTANT Backfield Coach McCoy Hewlett, '47, has been called to active duty by the Marines.

Hewlett, who reported to the Marine Base at Quantico, Virginia, last January 30, served as a lieutenant during World War II. He saw duty in China, Japan, and Okinawa.

Coy began his coaching career at Auburn in 1947 as assistant freshman coach. He was elevated to assistant backfield coach at the beginning of the

1949 season.

He started his grid career at A.P.I. in 1942 as a member of the varsity team. A broken leg forced him to give up football temporarily. He entered the Marines and after his discharge in 1946 returned to Auburn.

Although he was still handicapped by the leg injury he earned a letter in football under Carl Voyles.

He is regarded as a good student of grid tactics and is an excellent scout.

Grapplers in action

They're Champions!

By Bill Beckwith, '51

A.P.I. Sports Publicist

AUBURN'S wrestling team, under the guidance of Arnold (Swede) Umbach, is bringing a new life to the Plains. Umbach's matmen have won four straight Southeastern A.A.U. championships since the sport was inaugurated at A.P.I. in 1946.

From the 1950 championship squad the Plainsmen have four lettermen who won or placed in the title bouts held in Auburn last year.

Two of them, Sonny Dragoin of Troy and Robin Baker of Enterprise, won the 1949 and 1950 SEAAU crowns in the 128 and 155-pound classes respectively.

This year's captain, Robert Long, climaxed his first year by winning the 165-pound SEAAU championship. The fourth letterman, Richard Belfonti, of Carmel, Pennsylvania, ranked third among the 136-pounders.

New men on the squad are: 123-pound Eddie Cresaps of New Orleans; 157-pound Charlie Borum of Birmingham; John Glenn of Pelham, Georgia; and Heavyweight Dan McNair, of New Orleans.

The Plainsmen opened their 1951 season with a 32-0 victory over Memphis Navy in Auburn. Cresaps pinned Forrest Short in four minutes; Borum finished Emilio Alarcon in the same time; Captain Long pinned Bobby Castleman in 3:56, and in the heavyweight match McNair stopped George Kincaid in 52 seconds.

Appalachian State caught the Umbachmen the following week and took every match except two, 23-8. Auburn's points were scored when Dragoin decisioned Frank Waynick and Belfonti decisioned James Ward.

Coleman Resigns

AUBURN'S popular sports publicist, James E. (Jimmy) Coleman, '49, has resigned his position with the college in order to enter the cattle raising business in Lowndes County.

Coleman, who had been closely associated with publication work at A.P.I. since 1946, has joined his brother-in-law, O. P. Woodruff, in growing beef cattle at Benton.

As an undergraduate Jimmy was twice elected editor of The Plainsman, and began his first term of office while still a sophomore. He was a member of Blue Key honorary fraternity and was recognized by Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. His fraternity is Sigma Chi.

He had been Auburn's sports publicist since March, 1949. While still a stu-

dent he was taken on in a part time capacity and following his graduation was employed on a full time basis. The Coleman by-line is familiar to Alumnews readers. He served as sports editor in addition to his duties with the Athletic Department.

Athletic Director Wilbur Hutsell said he accepted the resignation with regret and wished Jimmy "much success in your new enterprise."

Following Coleman's resignation, William H. (Bill) Beckwith, '51, was given a temporary appointment as sports publicist. A senior in journalism from Americus, Georgia, Bill has worked as Coleman's assistant during the past year. In addition, he was sports correspondent for The Atlanta Constitution and The Birmingham Post-Herald. He is handling the job on a part-time basis.

Research-Instruction-Extension Cotton and Livestock

By P. O. Davis, '16, Director
A.P.I. Agricultural Extension Service

THIS will be both a cotton year and a livestock year on Alabama farms. With livestock will go more corn, more grazing, and more of other feed crops.



But emphasis will be placed upon cotton. Our aim is at least 60 per cent more than was made last year, or a minimum of 16 million bales against less than 10 million in 1950. This much, and more, will be needed at home and abroad.

Since late last year extension work-

ers have been talking and writing about cotton—advising as to what to do and how, in order to plant more acres and make more pounds per acre planted.

But they're encountering handicaps. Two short crops on Sand Mountain and in the Tennessee Valley, where most of Alabama's cotton is made, presented to 1951 a difficult financial problem, made more difficult by the big cost involved in making these two little crops. They were the most expensive ever made.

Banks and other credit institutions are extending credit facilities as far as feasible to help farmers plant, fertilize, cultivate, and control insects. As

much money will be needed this year as last.

They're doing this because they want to serve their communities in the best possible way and also produce as much cotton as they can.

Two warm winters prior to this were especially good for boll weevils but the hard freeze early this winter was a severe blow to them. Entomologists, however, don't believe that this freeze was hard enough to solve the boll weevil problem for 1951, even though it was near zero in the north quarter of Alabama.

Snow at that time in that area served as a blanket to protect weevils, and

even though the surviving number may be small they'll multiply rapidly with summer weather and rains.

Another handicap is a shortage of labor. More than three million men in the armed forces by July will take more than a half million from U. S. farms, and Alabama will supply her full share of these. Others will go to industrial work. This will call for more work by older and younger people who are available.

A friend of mine says that we are facing the most serious situation we've had since Valley Forge. He may be correct. At least we'll think and work to meet our challenge in the best possible manner.



EXTENSION workers on the state staff presented a signed statement of appreciation to Dean M. J. Funchess at a banquet given in his honor at the time of his retirement. The presentation was made by Director P. O. Davis (right), '16. Left to right, President Ralph B. Draughon, '22, Mrs. Funchess,

Dean Funchess, Director Davis. In a story in the January issue of The Auburn News we stated that Dean Funchess had resigned. He did not resign, but he did retire. He will continue to be actively associated with the college until he reaches the age of involuntary retirement. He is now Dean Emeritus

Like Topsy

It Just Grewed

By Malcolm C. Johnson, '49

Department of Zoology-Entomology, A.P.I.

THE Farm Ponds Project of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn wasn't begun, it just started. And, like Topsy, it just grewed.

About 15 years ago, a small group of would-be fishermen from Ag Hill, disgusted with returning from lake and stream with empty stringers, began to ask themselves, "Why are there no fish? What must we do to produce fish so that we may catch them?"

In order to try to answer their own question, this group built a pond and stocked it with fish. Results were satisfactory enough to encourage them to build another pond and experiment further. They soon realized that by fertilizing of fish in the proper numbers, fish production could be increased four fold.

From this humble beginning and under its original leadership grew the largest fresh water fisheries experimental unit in the world!

The project now includes 143 ponds ranging from 1/130 acre to 26 acres in size, with a total of 140 acres under water. The personnel consists of a fish culturist, an associate, two assistants in fish culture, a graduate assistant, a maintenance superintendent, and sev-

eral laborers.

The fish-management and pond-construction techniques developed at this station have been adopted by not only the Alabama Conservation Department but also by those of other states as well. They are recognized by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as the most advanced in the fisheries field.

Under the stimulus of this progress, the number of farm ponds in the United States has grown tremendously. Alabamians alone have devoted some 16 thousand to 20 thousand acres to farm ponds, and they are still building them at an ever increasing rate.

Both undergraduate and graduate curricula in fish management are now offered at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and technicians trained at this institution are employed by almost every state in the Southeast and by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Fisheries workers have come from as far away as India and the Philippines to study the Auburn methods of fish production. Many of them have received degrees in this field.

Truly, the curiosity of those disgruntled fishermen has meant much to Alabama, to the United States, and to the world.

Club News

As is customary, the senior members of Auburn's varsity football team and the senior manager were given watches. Players receiving watches were Jack Lambert, Bill Davis, Tom Banks, Jim McGowen, Johnny Wallis, Dick Flournoy, Charlie Langner, Virgil Willett, Fred Duart, and Bill Hogarth. In addition, student manager Ed Jarvis received an award.

Tom Hobart, '27, president of the Jefferson County group, acted as master of ceremonies. The speakers were Earl Brown and his coaching staff. Movies of the 1950 Auburn-Georgia game were shown.

The following officers for 1951 were elected at the meeting: Tom Hobart, '27, president; John Davis, Jr., '39, first vice president; W. D. Alston, '28, second vice president; Perry Pepper, '32, third vice president; James M. Brown, Jr., '46, A. M. Pearson, '30, and A. Tres Feaster, III, '41, vice presidents; Virgil Rice, '42, secretary; and James E. Vance, '36, treasurer.

Fayette County

TURKEY was the order of the day when the Fayette County Auburn Club met in Fayette last December 1. After the dinner, which was held in the Chef Cafe, an Auburn-Alabama pre-game pep rally was held.

Alex H. Smith, '47, read and explained the club's by-laws to the 18 members and associate members present.

P. R. Pettis, '15, and John M. Brown, '21, were elected to serve on the executive committee. Other members of the committee are J. P. Robertson, '17, president of the Fayette Club; Bruce Harkins, '29, vice president; Mrs. Jack Butler, '46, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Percy Nolen, '37, and Dean Collins, '29.

Organizational notes

ROANOKE: Alumni living in the Roanoke area and in Randolph County may secure information concerning formation of an Auburn Club by contacting

J. W. McPherson, Roanoke Hardware Company. Mr. McPherson, a member of the class of '25, is interested in organizing a club there. . . LAWRENCE COUNTY: An Auburn Club is being organized in Moulton. To date, there are about a dozen members. Information should be obtained from Sam McClendon, county agent. He may be contacted in Moulton, and his mailing address is Box 366 there. . . PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA: Alumni located in the Panama City area may obtain information about organizing an Auburn Club by contacting Dr. A. H. Lisenby, M.D., there. His mailing address in Panama City is Box 961. . . SYLACAUGA: Interest in forming an Auburn Club in Sylacauga has been shown. Alumni who live in Sylacauga, Goodwater, or Childersburg, or in that area, and who

would like to organize a club, should contact Billy Mann, 21 Brown Avenue, Sylacauga, or William F. Nichols, Sylacauga Fertilizer Company. . . RICHMOND, VIRGINIA: Alumni located in Richmond, Virginia, or in that area, who wish to organize an Auburn Club, may get information on the formation of a club by contacting John D. Poole, Jr., 3308 Park Avenue, Richmond. . . COLUMBUS, GEORGIA: Charlie Dudley, president of the Columbus, Georgia, Auburn Club, is seeking to strengthen the club's program and is especially interested in plans involving the more recent graduates and alumni. Those living in the Columbus area may obtain further information by contacting William H. Martin, Shannon Hosiery Mills, Columbus.

From Hobby to Career

AN Auburn graduate is taking a leading part in trying to solve this country's international communications problems.

John S. Cross, '23, who built his first radio broadcasting apparatus when he was a student at A.P.I. in the early 1920s, has been busy lately trying to arrange a new North American region broadcasting agreement with representatives of other governments in this part of the hemisphere.

In 1949 he was chief spokesman for the United States in a long series of conferences with officials of European nations. These conferences resulted in establishment of a network of Loran stations in that vital international defense area. (Loran is a method of direction wave broadcasts that permits ships and airplanes to determine their position in spite of fog or bad weather that would render visual navigation impossible.)

In World War II John Cross was recruited by the Navy as a reserve officer. He supervised the construction of 42 major communications stations on four continents. Today he holds the rank of captain in the reserve.

Strange as it may seem, for the first dozen or so years after his graduation from Auburn Mr. Cross was interested in communications primarily as a sideline and a hobby.

A native of Birmingham, he received his preparatory training at Ensley High School and the old Central High School. When he was ready for col-

lege, he had decided that he wanted to be an engineer. He was awarded the bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Auburn in 1923. As an undergraduate he was affiliated with Kappa Alpha.

After graduation he went to Detroit, where for two years he worked with the Studebaker Corporation and, for a short time, with an investment securities firm. In 1927 he became a construction superintendent for the S. S. Kresge Company. He supervised the building of stores in St. Louis, Cleveland, Des Moines, and other cities.

Then came 1929, and with it the economic bust that is still a nightmare in the memories of millions. Cross had temporary jobs with state highway departments of South Carolina and Michigan. For a while he even tried his hand at free-lance newspaper reporting in Washington, D. C.

In 1931 he landed a job as a construction engineer for the National Park Service of the Interior Department. After a few years as a field engineer he was fed up with the way his bosses in Washington were running things. From Hot Springs, Arkansas, he wrote them a pretty hot letter.

To his surprise, he received a reply saying, in effect, "If you think you can do better, come on in and tell us how to do it." He did.

By the time he had entered the Navy as a reservist in 1942 Cross had helped

plan and supervise construction in all the national parks. He had prime responsibility for setting up communications between forest fire observation stations and between other various outposts of the park service.

Setting up communications stations for the Navy in North and South America, New Zealand, Asia, and various islands in between added to his background in international communications.

When he was released by the Navy in 1946 the State Department hired him to be assistant chief of its telecommunications division. He has also been second man on the department's telecommunications policy staff.

As far as radio broadcasting is concerned, the major problems of consequence internationally to the United States in this hemisphere involve Cuba and Mexico.

In Cuba, it seems that every statesman, real or would-be, with any financial backing must own and operate at least one radio station. For example, in Havana there are about 32 stations. Roughly, that's twice the number permitted to operate in New York City.

These Cuban stations are not primarily interested in getting listeners in this country, but atmospheric conditions often carry their broadcasts deep into the U. S. and cause considerable interference with our stations in some areas.

On the other hand, Mexico offers a more difficult problem. There are six

exceptionally powerfully radio stations in our neighboring country to the south. Three of them are very close to the Texas border, and a substantial portion of their programs are designed for listeners in the United States. The commercials feature patent medicines and other products for which radio time cannot be bought in this country.

Mr. Cross and other U. S. representatives would like to work out an agreement whereby at least some of our more powerful stations and some of those in Mexico would be so directed (by directional antennae) that their broadcasts would not by intention stray across the border.

This has been rejected by Mexican spokesmen in favor of a counterproposal that the U. S. assign to some of the Mexican stations several clear channels in this hemisphere. We offered to share two, with antennae blanks along the border, but Mexico has been adamant.

Another of Mr. Cross' jobs is membership on a special committee which advises the president on assignment of radio frequencies for stations operated by the government.

He often discusses general radio problems with his wife and his two sons, John, 16, and Claude, 15. Even though his hobby has become his job, he still retains much of the interest and enthusiasm that he had when it was merely a pleasant diversion.

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Founded in 1946

It's Our Fifth Birthday!

WITH this issue, the Alumnews marks its fifth birthday. Founded in 1946, its circulation list has now passed the 20,000 mark. The 500 copies added by Auburn's December graduation and by the addresses of alumni who were previously "lost" but have since been found pushed the number past the 20,000 figure.

Since its inception five years ago, the Alumnews has been a joint undertaking, one shared by the staff and by each one of Auburn's alumni. Without the active interest of you, the alumni, we'd have to close up shop tomorrow. A great portion of the material and the information in each issue comes to us from our readers. In letters, magazine stories, clippings, conversation, personal visits . . . the stories come in. It's the business of the staff to collect them, evaluate them, and prepare them to be turned back to all of our readers.

From the first issue, Harry M. Davis, '32, has served you as editor of the Alumnews. Following his appointment as executive secretary of the Auburn Alumni Association in 1945, he began a search for methods of strengthening the newly formed group. An alumni publication claimed high priority on the list.

In February, 1946, the Alumnews was launched. In addition to his other regular duties as executive secretary of the Association, Happy served as editor, managing editor, staff, and copyboy for the first six issues of the new publication. During this time he established the policy, still adhered to, of keeping the alumni informed about the activities of the college and of their classmates.

By October, 1946, the infant publica-

tion had definitely outgrown the "one-man" stage. A managing editor became a necessity, and Irene Long, '47, former editor of The Plainsman, took over the position. Three managing editors have followed in the job. In May, 1947, Jan Holstun was appointed. Mrs. Holstun held the post until January, 1948, when Luther Smith, '49, took over. Luke, who was still a student at the time, had gained his journalistic experience on the staff of the Marine Corps magazine, The Leatherneck, and on The Plainsman, where he had served as associate editor.

During his tenure of office he worked out the present format and style of the Alumnews. Following his graduation, Smith was retained on a full time basis, and continued in that capacity until August, 1950, when he was granted a leave of absence in order to do graduate study at the University of Iowa.

The present managing editor, Jim Forrester, '49, was appointed to succeed Smith. Forrester's journalistic background included work on the editorial staff of The Plainsman and, following his graduation, The Birmingham News.

The tedious task of sorting and filing the news items coming into the Association offices is taken care of by an efficient office staff headed by Pattie Haney, alumni records supervisor. Clerical assistants are Martha Bennett and Ruth Kitchin. These three alumni workers also do all the correspondence, typing and, in addition, perform the thousand-and-then-some daily chores that keep the office routine functioning smoothly.

For most of its existence, the Alum-

news has been printed by the Bulletin Printing Company. Neil O. Davis, '35, well known Alabama newspaperman and owner of the Bulletin, has given generously of his time and his technical know-how as an unofficial advisor for the sometimes harassed editors.

Important assistance is also given by A.P.I. Publicity Director Louis O. Brackeen, '27, and his staff writers. Mr. Brackeen, Fran Harper, and Kate Harris frequently furnish the Alumnews with facts and stories that would otherwise be unobtainable, and many of the interesting pictures used in the "Do You Remember?" feature come from the files of the News Bureau.

Finally, the wheel comes full turn and all the filing, writing, research, editing, proofreading, and the other things that are necessary to put each issue together are completed and the Alum-

news is printed and ready to be distributed. Here Circulation Director Donald Spann, '51, takes over. His is the responsibility for addressing every one of the thousands of copies. After they are addressed, bundled for mailing according to towns, and turned over to the post office, the final step in the production process is at hand.

It's there that the work either succeeds or fails. The paper is in your hands. For five years now it's been succeeding, according to our reader's reports. Our barometer for determining that is simply your letters.

As we now enter our sixth year of publication we're resolved to continue our efforts to give you an interesting mixture of the news of the school and news of your classmates. It's for a Greater Auburn, Always.

Is Everybody Happy?

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For Auburn is more than brick and mortar, a board of trustees, a president, a faculty, a student body, an alumni association, a football team, or a band. Our realization of this is of utmost importance because when we start analyzing Auburn we should remember that we are Auburn.

As we approach, then, this New Year, let's delve deep within ourselves, into our own minds and hearts, and put forth a new and firmer resolution to cleanse the thoughts within

us which are not as we would have others (who make Auburn) feel toward us.

My right hand is out. If I have offended any of you, I beg your forgiveness and wish for all of you—men of good will—peace, happiness, and a successful 1951.

Somehow I feel better now. Try it. Drop an old friend a line, or perhaps write us here in Auburn about your renewed faith. Maybe you'll feel happier, too! Is everybody?

At The Front

AMONG the Auburn men serving in Korea is Lieutenant James B. Hatch, '50. Tall and slender, Jimmy was for several years one of Auburn's most agile cheerleaders. He received his bachelor's degree in industrial management in March, 1950.

Last month the Alumni Association received a letter from him. It had been written December 13 in Kaesong, Korea. The letter read: "I have just had forwarded to me the October issue of the *Alumnews* and I want to take this brief opportunity to tell you how good it is to get the paper. It is just like a letter from home hearing about all the people you went to college with.

"Although we've had it awfully tough, occasionally I get my hands on a post dated paper and follow Auburn in the football result column. It seems that '50 wasn't our best year but if I remember correctly no one ever won over us in the "spirit" column. How I've missed leading those cheers this year! I've just missed everyone and everything. That's just the kind of a school Auburn is and those who pass through and don't appreciate it just can never rate high with me.

"I am presently (and have been in my eight weeks in Korea) with the 89th Medium Tank Battalion. We have been right on the front without exception until yesterday, when we got our first break. Yes, it was good to let the mail catch up and see the Auburn *Alumnews*.

"Give my best regards to everyone at Auburn and best of luck to the "Loveliest Village" in the basketball season. Don't let our Auburn spirit die!"

Jimmy is one of Auburn's adopted sons. His home is in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. While at Auburn he held membership in Scabbard and Blade, the Society for the Advancement of Management, and Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Ensign Harold L. Goyette, '50, of Irvington, is serving aboard the destroyer USS *Forrest Royal*, which recently made a hazardous night passage up the Haedong River to the port city

of Chinnampo, Korea, to provide support and fire power for the redeployment fleet taking off civilians, troops, and supplies for transfers to other areas.

There were six destroyers in the group making the passage—three Canadian, one each from Australia and New Zealand, and the *Forrest Royal*. Two of the other destroyers ran aground and were forced to wait for high tide to complete the passage. The remaining four kept on, negotiating the narrow river channel by radar and sonar soundings. Traveling in darkness there was the constant danger of contacting a floating mine.

They arrived at the port early in the morning and at daylight the embarkation began. Late in the afternoon the forces started the return trip down the river to the Yellow Sea.

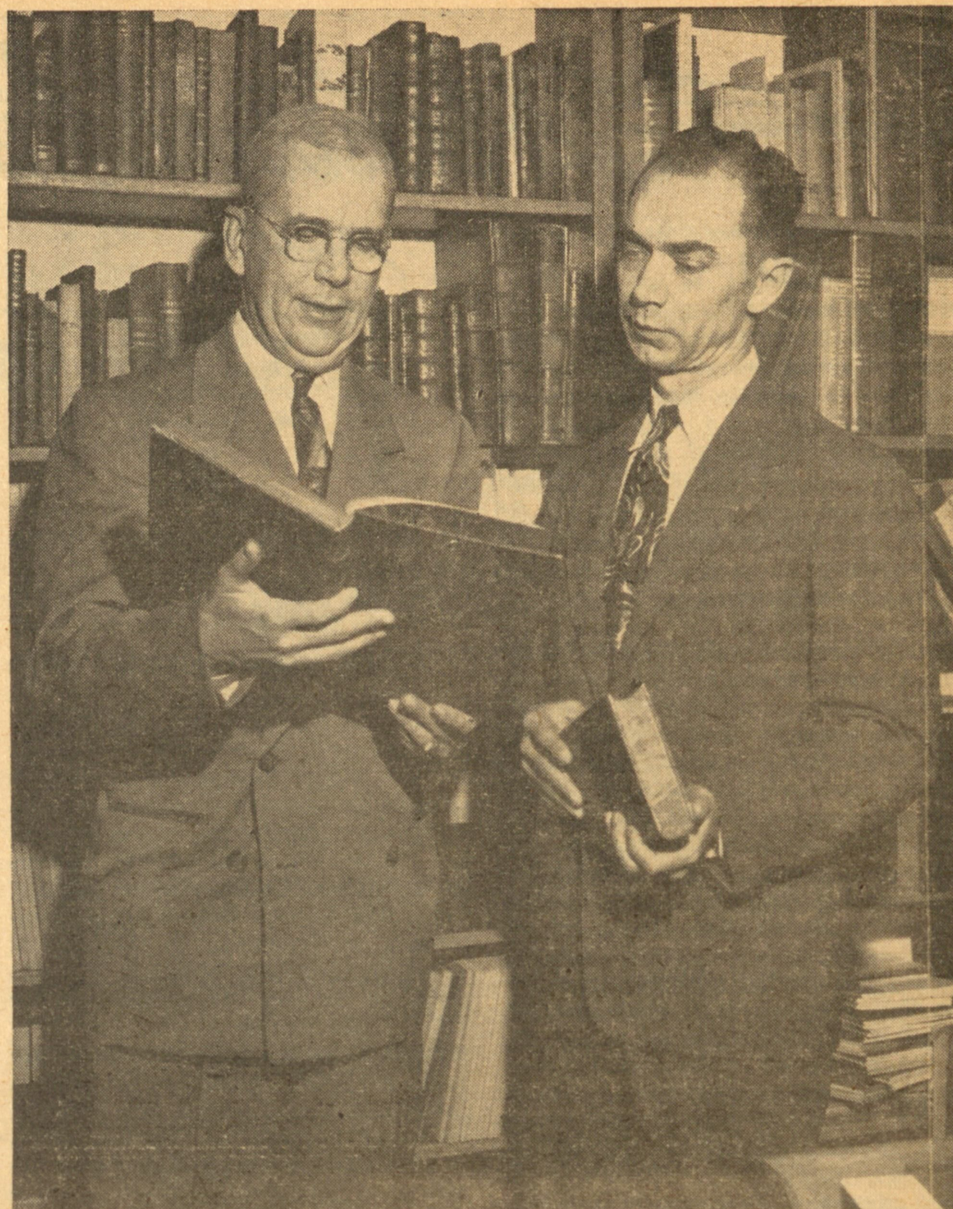
Captain William B. Capps, '35, of Auburn, has averaged nearly 400 miles per day in reconnaissance flights in Korea. Capt. Capps is the personal pilot of Major General Edward M. Almond, commander of the X Corps.

The Auburn pilot has been flying for the general since May, 1949. Prior to that time he was assistant air officer for the Eighth Army.

Ensign Harold G. Wise, '50, of Opp, is serving aboard the destroyer USS *Zellars* in Korean waters. The *Zellars*, a high speed destroyer, is engaged in escorting troop transports, supply ships, and warships to the Korean theater, making strikes on enemy shore installations and patrolling the waters adjoining Korea.

Ens. Wise, who received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, is a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity.

Major Karl S. Hall, '33, formerly at the Army War College in Washington, D. C., has been transferred to Korea. He is in the 98th Quartermaster Battalion there. Maj. Hall is an electrical engineering graduate. While at Auburn he was affiliated with Chi Epsilon Chi, Keys, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and the Wilsonian Literary Society.



PART of the collection of valuable old agricultural books donated to Auburn by Edgar A. Hodson, '11, is examined by President Draughon and James G. Baker, assistant director of libraries and head of the catalog department. Mr. Hodson began his collection in 1911. Included in it are works written as early

as 1588, such as "Brief and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia" by Thomas Hariot. The first important book on chemistry as applied to agriculture, written by Sir Humphrey Davey in 1813, is in the collection. Mr. Hodson is state conservationist for the Federal Soil Conservation Service in Arkansas

MAJOR Max A. Morris, '42, has been killed in the Korean fighting.

Maj. Morris, a field artillery officer, had been in the Army since 1942. He played tackle on the '40 and '41 Auburn football teams.

While in training at Fort

Benning Maj. Morris rescued a man who had come in contact with a high tension power line. In the rescue Morris himself was severely burned. For his bravery he was awarded the Carnegie Medal for heroism. Maj. Morris was a member of the "A" Club.

On athletic committee recommendation

Earl Brown to be Retained

AT a press conference Wednesday, January 17, Governor Gordon Persons, in answer to a reporter's question, said that Earl Brown, Auburn's head football coach, should be replaced. The governor cited Brown's three year record at A.P.I. (three wins, 22 losses, four ties) and stated: "There is unrest among the alumni of Auburn over the present coaching staff."

At the same time he announced a special meeting to be held the following Friday night at the governor's mansion in Montgomery. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible coaching changes.

In calling for Brown's ousting, Gov. Persons confirmed that the coach has a new written contract for one year, expiring early in 1952. The governor said that he thought Coach Brown should go even if the contract had to be bought.

At Auburn, Brown expressed "complete surprise" at the governor's statements. He said he had "had no indication of anything like that." Other than that, Brown declined further comment. Wilbur Hutsell, A.P.I. Athletic Director, also refused to comment.

The Auburn coach, a former All American at Notre Dame, had his best year at Auburn in 1949. That year his Plainsmen beat Alabama, 14-13. In 1948, his first year on the Plains, the Tide had crushed Auburn, 55-0, and the one-point '49 victory was regarded as one of the major upsets of the year. Last season the Plainsmen failed to win a game.

Invited to sit in on the Friday night meeting were representatives of the Auburn Alumni Association, the Auburn Educational Foundation in Birmingham, the faculty athletic committee, Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, and Athletic Director Hutsell.

As the meeting approached Coach Brown's football team rallied to his support. A petition disagreeing with Gov. Persons' move was circulated among the 1950 varsity players. It was signed by 62, 57 of them to return next fall. The players also requested representatives at the meeting.

Their petition read: "We, the Auburn football players, disagree with your action taken for our head football coach, Earl Brown. We want you to know that we have full confidence in Coach

Brown and know that you have made a grave mistake."

The players decided to send their 1951 captain, Ed Bauer, and alternate captain, Allan Parks, to the meeting. The president of the student body was officially invited to represent the students.

Before the meeting got under way, Bauer and Parks were admitted following a consultation between Gov. Persons and Dr. Draughon.

The press was not admitted to the meeting, which lasted for an hour and a half. A few minutes after the conclusion of the meeting Gov. Persons called newsmen in and announced: "Brown will remain as coach."

The official statement of the faculty athletic committee was announced by Dr. Draughon. It read: "It is the recommendation of the faculty athletic committee that the present contract of Coach Earl Brown remain in effect, and definite plans be made to strengthen the coaching staff.

"President Draughon stated that in the light of all aspects of the situation, including the uncertainties in the national mobilization of man-

power, a change at this time would not be helpful to the football program at Auburn."

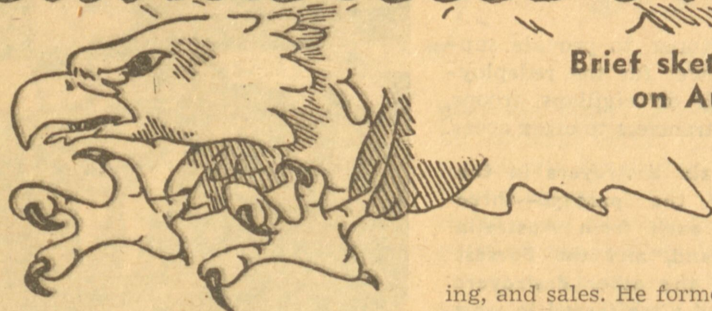
The governor told newsmen later that he would go along wholeheartedly with the recommendations in backing Brown. He added: "Naturally, along with all other loyal Auburn men, I will do everything I can to be of assistance in improving Alabama Polytechnic Institute's football fortunes. I don't believe there is any doubt about how I stand along those lines."

"If this is the will of the majority, there is but one thing to do now, and that is to all pull together. If there is anything that I can do, I shall certainly be glad to do it."

Gov. Persons further said that the incident "is now a closed issue," and "all of us will do everything we can to be of assistance."

Following the meeting Coach Brown was uncertain as to what steps he would take to strengthen his staff. He expressed his appreciation to the Auburn student body "for the cooperation and support that I have felt existed during the three years I have been at Auburn."

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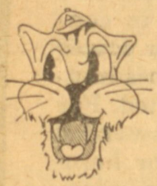
DEATHS: David E. Wilson, former vice president and treasurer of the Woodward Iron Company of Birmingham, died at his home in Magnolia Springs last Dec. 3 after a long illness. A member of the class of '92, Mr. Wilson played left end on Auburn's first collegiate football team in 1891. Funeral services were held at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham.

1900

In a recent letter to the Association, Ed Bukofzer of New York wrote enthusiastically of Auburn's last Homecoming program. "Homecoming to me was a wonderful success. The members of my class enjoyed same thoroughly and all of us were happy that we could be there to celebrate the occasion with all our old friends." The Fiftieth Reunion of the class of '00 was held during Homecoming, and nine members of the class gathered to renew old acquaintances. Besides Mr. Bukofzer, those attending were Harry Y. Hall, Reading, Pennsylvania (who planned and worked out the details of the reunion); John S. Black, Hartford, Connecticut; George Ilges, Salem, Wisconsin; John Ilges and James W. Woodruff, Columbus, Georgia; Henry Lesesne, Mobile; Kenneth McKenzie, Eufaula; and Jim Mitchell, Huntsville. . . Our thanks go to Jesse W. Boyd of San Antonio, Texas, for his very interesting letters concerning the Auburn of the 1890's.

1902

The new Montgomery County Christmas Seal Rehabilitation Center was dedicated in Montgomery late in November. The opening of the Center climaxed two years of work by a group of Montgomery's civic leaders. William B. Paterson, vice president of the Montgomery Blue-Gray Association, was a member of the planning group. David E. Young, district superintendent of the Vocational Rehabilitation Service, also served on the group. Mr. Young is a member of the class of '41. As part of the program of the Center, classes are offered in woodworking, upholstering, radio repair, commercial work, home economics, barbering, beauty parlor operation, cosmetology, tailoring, and sewing. A spokesman of the National Tuberculosis Association said the opening of the Center put Montgomery County "in the forefront among tuberculosis hospitals in the country."



1908

Thomas W. Smith has moved from Auburn to Montgomery. . . J. L. Esslinger, a member of Auburn's varsity football squad for three years as an undergraduate, recently visited his old home in Huntsville. Mr. Esslinger now lives in Lamesa, New Mexico, where he has farming and banking interests.

1909

Holland E. Cox, a member of the class of '09, recently completed his term of office as president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cox is vice president of the Birmingham Electric Company.

1913

Named as a committee chairman for 1951 in the National Association of County Agricultural Agents was Lem Edmonson. Mr. Edmonson is agricultural agent for Montgomery County. . . Billy Barton of Atlanta, Georgia, has started payment on a Life Membership in the Auburn Alumni Association.

1914

DEATHS: W. Bowen Henderson of Asheville, North Carolina, died last July

15. Mr. Henderson was a member of the class of '14.

1916

Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, who was featured as Alumnus of the Month in January, has recently purchased waterfront property at Bahama Beach near Panama City, Florida. Gen. Persons plans to make his permanent home there. His property is near the beach home of his brother, Governor Gordon Persons, '25. . . In their "People Worth Knowing" series The Atlanta Journal recently saluted C. B. McManus. As president of the Georgia Power Company and the Southern Company (a holding firm for the Georgia, Alabama, Gulf, and Mississippi power companies) Mr. McManus mixes his hobby, selling the South, with his official business trips. For example, on one of his trips he flew 8000 miles in nine days, speaking 18 times on the subject of Southern opportunities. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Atlanta and the Atlantic Steel Company.

1920

We are indebted to J. M. Oliver, manager of the Birmingham office of the Westinghouse Corporation, for his letter concerning Neal C. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, who was an outstanding cheerleader at Auburn in 1920, now resides in Oakland, California.

1925

The new purchasing agent for A.P.I. is W. Frank Powell, a member of the class of '25. Mr. Powell is widely experienced in inventory work, purchas-

ing, and sales. He formerly lived in Atlanta, Georgia.

1927

Charles W. Haynie now lives in Douglastown, Long Island, New York. .

Joe Edwards of Tuskegee has been named by Gov. Gordon Persons, '25, to head the State Revenue Department during the Persons administration. Mr. Edwards, an automobile dealer in Tuskegee, finished Auburn in 1927 with a degree in electrical engineering. For a time after his graduation he taught physics at A.P.I. He served on the Tuskegee city council from 1942 until 1948.

1928

Auburn's new dean of the School of Agriculture and director of the Experiment Station, Dr. E. V. Smith, has been named to head the experiment station section of the Association of Land Colleges and Universities for the coming year. His appointment was announced at the annual meeting of the land grant association in Washington, D. C., last November. From 1948



until 1950 he served as secretary of that section and secretary of the committee on organization and policies.

1929

Earl T. Chambless lives in Montgomery, where he is president of The Chambless Agency, Inc. While at Auburn Mr. Chambless held membership in Kappa Alpha social fraternity, Keys, and Bovines. . . For the second consecutive year William (Pop) Paterson of

Montgomery worked as an official in one of the major New Years bowl games. He was umpire in the Kentucky-Oklahoma Sugar Bowl contest, having worked the Orange Bowl game between Kentucky and Santa Clara the year before. . . Ralph B. Pearson now lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1930

Dr. Daniel W. Rainey is employed in the offices of the United States Department of Agriculture in Richmond, Virginia. He is in the Bureau of Animal Husbandry, Agricultural Research Administration.

1931

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Leonard A. Weissinger and their two daughter, Ginny and Sally, visited Col. Weissinger's parents in Opelika for a week before reporting to his newest assignment in Dayton, Ohio. Col. Weissinger was formerly in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1932

Jimmy Hitchcock, All American half-back for Auburn in 1932, was field judge in the Cotton Bowl game played in Dallas, Texas, New Years Day. He is vice president of the Central Alabama Football Officials Association. . . Mary George Lamar was appointed membership chairman of the United Business Education Association for Alabama at a recent meeting she attended at Jacksonville, Florida.

1934

J. Frank Moore has moved to Sheffield. . . In the New Years Day Cotton Bowl game between Tennessee and Texas Marion Talley served as umpire. . . Dr. Charles F. Simmons was recently



named associate dean and director of the School of Agriculture and the Agricultural Experiment Station of A.P.I. Dr. Simmons received his Ph. D. degree from Ohio State University in 1937. After that he worked for seven years as extension agronomist of the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture. In 1944 he accepted a research position on the staff of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station. He returned to Auburn July 1, 1946, to head the department of agronomy and soils. Dr. Simmons' memberships include the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, Phi Kappa Phi, and Gamma Sigma Delta.

1935

Lt. Col. G. D. Batchelder is stationed in Chicago, Illinois, where he is assigned to the Chicago Quartermaster Depot.

1936

BIRTHS: A daughter, Linda Lea, to Mr. and Mrs. James Columbus Whatley of Auburn last Nov. 26. Mr. Whatley is a member of the class of '36.

Lorenzo H. Gunter is in the Veterans Hospital in Houston, Texas. . . Lt. Col. Robert A. Jones is stationed overseas. He is in the logistics division, EUCOM.

Lt. Col. Ralph A. Tolve has been transferred to an overseas assignment. . . Among the directors chosen at the recent meeting of the Alabama Independent Telephone Association in Mont-



ALABAMA'S governor, Gordon Persons, '25, was one of the honorary members initiated by Auburn's Omega Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa last December.

Gov. Persons was congratulated by Ed Crawford (right), president of Omega Circle. Roberts Brown (left) '30, new Speaker of the House, was also initiated

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gomery were W. F. Thomas, Eclectic, '36, DeForest Nolen, Ashland, '42, and R. C. Corr, Oneonta, '46.

1937

A. F. Bullard, Jr., now lives in College Park, Georgia.

1938

BIRTHS: A daughter, Marcia Leigh, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Franklyn Ward, of Avon Park, Florida, last Nov. 28. Mrs. Ward is the former Mary Ellen Heitsch. Mr. Ward holds membership in the class of '38.

Mrs. Catherine H. Minchen has moved from New York City to Sarasota, Florida. . . Capt. G. T. Nelson of Birmingham is now stationed at Lawson AFB in Fort Benning, Georgia. A member of the Air National Guard, Capt. Nelson was recently called to active duty. He was a vice president of the Jefferson County Auburn Club. . . Aubrey Godwin of Brewton recently joined the Monroe County section of the Conecuh River Soil Conservation Service. Mr. Godwin owns and operates a farm near Brewton and is a former veteran farm instructor in Escambia County. He replaces Bill Lane, '49, who was recalled to active duty with the Army last August. . . Dr. Coyt Wilson was elected councilor of the southern division of the American



Society of Phytopathology at the annual meeting held last fall in Memphis, Tennessee. He was also recently named assistant dean and director of the School of Agriculture and the Agricultural Experiment Station of A.P.I. Dr. Wilson received his master's degree from Auburn in 1941 and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1946. He has served in various research capacities on the Experiment Station staff for the last nine years. He is associate editor of *The Journal of Phytopathology*, an international professional publication. His memberships include Sigma Xi and Gamma Sigma Delta.

1939

Cecil H. Chilton has moved from Newport, Delaware, to Oceanside, New York. . . Mrs. Ike Pearson, the former Eloise Brown, now lives in Memphis, Tennessee. . . Marvin G. Kemp has moved from Dallas, Texas, to Baltimore, Maryland. He is employed by Koppers Co., Inc., there. . . Lawrence S. Moss resides in Long Beach, California.

1941

W. C. Rotenberry, formerly of Lawrence, Kansas, now lives in Huntsville.

. . . A recent column in *The Montgomery Advertiser* lauded the work of James B. Thomas, Jr., Tuskegee high school coach. It said, in part;



"Tuskegee high school football and basketball coach Jim Thomas has one of the best athletic set-ups in high school circles. . . Coach Jim, as he is called by his players, is a stickler for organizational

work. . . Thomas also has produced some outstanding football and basketball teams during his tenure at Tuskegee." . . . Mrs. John L. Sprague, the former Jean Laird, has moved from Jacksonville, Florida, to Tallahassee, Florida. . . Carolyn Vivian Harris now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where she is employed by *The Atlanta Journal*.

1942

BIRTHS: A daughter, Helen Inez, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve M. Searcy of Birmingham last Nov. 21. Mrs. Searcy is the former Marion Wallace. Mr. Searcy is a member of the class of '42.

E. A. Smith, formerly of Semmes, now lives in Spring Hill. . . Maj. George H. McBride of Birmingham is stationed in Corozal, Panama Canal Zone.

1943

BIRTHS: A son, Samuel Douglas, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Collier of Birmingham last Nov. 24. Mr. Collier is a member of the class of '43.

Mrs. Joe Hill, the former Dixie Jackson, now lives in LaFayette. . . Guy B. Blackwell, Jr., lives in Wilmington, Delaware. . . The Air Force recently announced the promotion of Hubert Loosen to the grade of captain. Capt. Loosen entered the service in June, 1942, and spent 16 months in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations during World War II. He flew 86 missions over enemy territory. He is presently assigned to the 4th Liaison Flight at Pope AFB, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

1945

Dr. James C. Denton has moved from Richmond, Virginia, to Oneonta, Florida. . . Capt. Walter D. Hammer has moved from Richmond, California, to Salem, Virginia. . . Mrs. Harry Gilmore, the former Helen Jane Edmondson, lives in Columbia, South Carolina.

1946

Benjamin Beers (Gump) Risher is farming near Tyler. . . Mrs. Richard Perry, the former Lallah Miles, lives in Philadelphia, Mississippi. In a recent letter to the Association she wrote that her little three-year old son has learned to wave his Auburn pennant and yell

"War Eagle!" While at Auburn Mrs. Perry was a member of Alpha Delta Pi, the Auburn Players, and the Art Guild. . . Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield G. Brooke now reside in Fort Lee, New Jersey. Mrs. Brooke is the former Lucy Wilkins.

1947

BIRTHS: A son, David Eyre, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hartwig at the Drake Infirmary in Auburn last Nov. 23. Mrs. Hartwig, the former Eleanor Hannum, is a member of the class of '47. Mr. Hartwig holds membership in the class of '49.

William A. Burgess, Jr., has moved to Atlanta, Georgia. . . F. M. Fuller, who received his master's degree at Auburn in December, is now at the University of Texas where he is working on his doctorate. . . Capt. James R. Barton, formerly of Birmingham, was called to active duty with the Air Force last Oct. 21. He is stationed at Lawson AFB, Fort Benning, Georgia. . . M. E. Trotter is a civil engineer in Waycross, Georgia.



1948

BIRTHS: A daughter, Beverly Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bishop of Gadsden last Nov. 11. Mrs. Bishop, the former Uneeda Wright, holds membership in the class of '50. Mr. Bishop is a member of the class of '48. At Auburn he belonged to Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity. . . A son, Sterling Jackson, to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil S. Searcy at the Opelika Hospital last Nov. 21. Mr. Searcy is a member of the class of '48.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Vann now live in Birmingham, where Mr. Vann is with the Dr. Pepper Co. of Dallas, Texas, Alabama Zone. Mrs. Vann is the former Dixie Douglas. Both hold membership in the class of '48. . . Roy W. Mickler has moved from Mobile to Birmingham. . . Albert D. Gregory, formerly of Anniston, now lives in Columbia, Tennessee. . . Paul R. Tamplin is in Akron, Ohio. . . Robert T. Scott now lives in Lakewood, Ohio. He is employed by the Westinghouse Electric Company in Cleveland, Ohio. . . James E. Shelley has moved to Winter Park, Florida.

1949

DEATHS: Hugh D. Mullin, of Phenix City, died last July 23. Mr. Mullin was a member of the class of '49.

BIRTHS: A son, David Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mayer French, Jr., of Fairfax last Sept. 30. A member of the class of '49, Mr. French belongs to Phi Delta Theta social fraternity. . . A daughter, Mary Katherine, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Guy Woodliff, III, of Gadsden last Nov.

8. Mrs. Woodliff is the former Thea Burnett. Mr. Woodliff holds membership in the class of '49. While at Auburn he was affiliated with Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

MARRIAGES: Mary Susan Miller to Lt. William A. Pogue at the Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham last June 17. Mrs. Pogue holds membership in the class of '49. While at Auburn she was affiliated with Kappa Delta sorority and was a member of Cardinal Key. Lt. Pogue holds membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and is now serving with the 3rd Division in Korea. . . Sybil Louise Snead to John Harold Ellis at the Snead home in Centre last Nov. 26. Mrs. Ellis is a member of the class of '49. She holds membership in Chi Omega sorority. Mr. Ellis also attended Auburn. . . Rebecca Gaston to Florian Harris Toulmin at the First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery last Dec. 18. Mr. Toulmin is a member of the class of '49. At the present he is with the Army and is stationed at Camp Stewart, Georgia. . . Susan Lawson to Wallace Elliot Birch at the Methodist Church in Auburn last Dec. 20. Mrs. Birch holds membership in the class of '49. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority. Mr. Birch is now a student at Auburn. . . Joy Cogdell to Oliver Lee Steele, Jr., in the Chapel of St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery last Dec. 23. Mrs. Steele received her master's degree from A.P.I. in '49. Following that she enrolled at the University of Florida for work on the Ph.D. degree. Mr. Steele holds membership in the class of '49. After his graduation he received a fellowship in the English department. He is affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity. . . Hila Jo Drummond to Thomas Oran Davidson in Sipsey during December. Mrs. Davidson holds membership in the class of '50. Mr. Davidson is a member of the class of '49. While at Auburn he was affiliated with Kappa Sigma social fraternity. . . Mae Dell Whitfield to Lawson S. Beatty in Stephenville, Texas, last Nov. 15. Mr. Beatty is a member of the class of '49.

Curtis M. Eiland has moved from Andalusia to Luverne. . . William B. Covey now lives in Hermosa Beach, California. . . Lt. Ollis P. Thompson, Jr., has been recalled to active duty. He is now in Greenville, South Carolina. . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Morgan have moved from Sylacauga to Montgomery. Mrs. Morgan is the former Patricia Waters. She holds membership in the class of '50. . . John B. Charlton, formerly of Autaugaville, now lives in Carthage, Texas. . . Rct. Charles J. Elbert, Jr., has been transferred from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While at Auburn he was affiliated with Sigma Nu social fraternity. . . John C. Jennings is now in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is employed in the Group Department of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Jennings is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity. . . Virginia Blanton is employed as a pharmacist at the West End Drug Company in Birmingham. She is licensed to practice pharmacy in Florida and Alabama. As an undergraduate Miss Blanton was a member of Phi Mu sorority and worked on the staff of the *Glomerata*. . . Edward N. Lewis, Jr., is now in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is employed by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation. . . Pvt. Robert M. Pattillo was called to active duty in the Air Force last Sept. 15. At the time of his recall he was working for radio station WHSY in Hat-



Gert U. Walther, '50

A Message From Germany

AMONG the hundreds of Christmas messages received during the holiday season by A.P.I.'s President Ralph B. Draughon was a letter from a former student who is now living in Berlin, Germany.

He is Gert U. Walther, a member of the class of '50. Gert received his degree in mechanical engineering and after graduation returned to his home in Berlin. There he is a student at the Technical University, where he is working toward the *diplomingenieur*.

During the time he was at Auburn, his expenses were paid by the college and by Sigma Alpha Epsilon so-

cial fraternity.

Walther's letter reads:

"Back on this side of the Atlantic, I often feel as if the year in Auburn had been just a beautiful dream. Under the grey Berlin sky it is hard for me to imagine that only a few months ago I was enjoying the Southern sun. However, the memories live on, and there are but few moments when I am not reminded of Auburn and how much I owe to it!

"Much as I have learned through Auburn's fine instruction, various and unforgettable as my experiences were during the past year, the mere fact

that this scholarship was given to me has made the greatest impression of all upon me! From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you and all those people who took part in it for the spirit of understanding they have shown by enabling me to go to Auburn!

"Along with my thanks, I send best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, as well as to Mrs. Draughon, and hope that the year 1951 will bring more success than ever to Auburn, to you all.

Sincerely yours,
Gert U. Walther, '50

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tiesburg, Mississippi. He is now stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas, where he is in Personnel Services work. While at Auburn he was active in the Auburn Players. . . Lt. George P. Mooney is in the U.S. Army Finance Office in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lt. Mooney is a member of Theta Chi social fraternity. . . After a highly successful "freshman" year in professional football, Travis Tidwell served on the coaching staff of the Southern squad in the Senior Bowl football game played in Mobile last Jan. 6. Tidwell, who was the outstanding Senior Bowl player in the '50 game, assisted Steve Owen, head Southern coach. Owen is coach of the New York Giants, for whom Tidwell starred last season. . . Lt. Fred E. Glover now lives in Vallejo, California. . . Henry L. Moncrief, Jr., has moved from Schenectady, New York, to Pittsfield, Massachusetts. . . Walter Rehling now resides in Henderson, Texas, where he is employed by the Texas Forest Service. . . James E. Broughton, Jr., is an engineer in the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Mississippi. In World War II Mr. Broughton served as a pilot in the Army Air Force. . . Albert M. French, Jr., is a chemical engineer in the Fairfax Mill Division of the West Point Manufacturing Company. . . Lawson S. Beatty is employed by the Humble Oil and Refining Company in Lubbock, Texas. He is in the Exploration and Geophysics Department, and was recently promoted to seismic operator. . . Richard P. Dodd has moved from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Huntsville.

1950

MARRIAGES: Sara Jane Maddox to Edwin Jack Sims, Jr., at the First Baptist Church in Auburn last Nov. 16. Mr. Sims is a member of the class of '50. . . Mary Willard Teal to Michael Troy in St. John's Episcopal Church in Mont-

gomery last Nov. 25. Mr. Troy holds membership in the class of '50. . . Nelle Priester to Craig Smith King at the home of the bride's parents in Farmville last Dec. 6. Mrs. King is a member of the class of '50. . . Doris Clarice Poole to James Daniel Munroe in Talladega last Dec. 16. Mr. Munroe holds membership in the class of '50. . . Laura Marie Waldrop to Curtis M. Pond last Dec. 16. Mr. Pond is a member of the class of '50. . . Mary Louise Dickson to Thomas Edward Elliott at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville last Dec. 17. Mrs. Elliott is a member of the class of '50. While at Auburn she was affiliated with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. . . Betty Jean Moreman to Cleary Cecil Broadhead at the home of the bride's parents in Auburn last Dec. 28. Mrs. Broadhead is a member of Delta Zeta sorority. Both hold membership in the class of '50. . . Joyce Doner to Richard Roush Markle at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn during December. Mrs. Markle is a member of the class of '52. Mr. Markle, a member of the class of '50, is on active duty with the Army and is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

George R. Whatley is a trainee for the Dan River Mills in Dan River, Virginia. . . Hiram Martin is teaching agriculture in the high school at Gadsden. . . Augustine J. Bertagnoli, Jr., is a junior engineer with the Ewin Engineering Corporation in Mobile. . . Claude J. Britton, Jr., is farming at Akron. . . James M. Casteel has moved from Albany, New York, to Monticello, Kentucky. . . Mrs. W. Carl Moran, the former Sally Holt, now lives in Augusta, Georgia. . . Melvin F. Buckner has moved to Phenix City. . . Lt. William L. Martin is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He is in the 6th Armored Division there. . . Fred A. Duran,



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Jr., is a test engineer with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York. . . Harold Lichtenstein is now out of the Air Force. He has returned to Birmingham. . . Rct. William V. Wheeler, Jr., is a communications trainee at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. . . John D. Attaway, Jr., lives in Williamston, South Carolina, where he is employed by the John D. Attaway Company. He is a salesman for mills and textile plants. . . Clarence T. Wilson is principal of the Echo School in Ozark. . . Ens. Donald A. Garrett is on active duty with the Navy. . . Richard J. Osteen is in the training program of Kroger and Company in Atlanta, Georgia. . . Julius D. Reynolds, Jr., is enrolled in the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in Birmingham. . . William V. Howland is an estimating engineer with the firm of Fred Howland, Inc., in Coral Gables, Florida. . . Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Robinson now live in Sneedville, Tennessee. Mrs. Robinson, the former Lucy Hopkins, is principal of Kyles Ford Elementary School. Mr. Robinson is coaching at Sneedville High School. Both hold membership in the class of '50. . . Robert W. Henry of Birmingham recently received a commission in the USAFR. . . Will M. Quinn, Jr., is a test engineer in the Receiver Division of General Electric Company in Syracuse, New York. . . Earl E. Kaiser is in the Communications Maintenance department at McClellan AFB, McClellan, California. . . Charles B. Phillips is on military leave from the General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Montgomery. He is at the shipyard dispensary, Naval Base, South Carolina. . . Lonnie Whitt is employed with the Alabama Department of Public Welfare in Madison County. He is living in Huntsville. . . James W. Reeves is a technical trainee for Joseph E. Seagrams and Sons Distilleries, Inc., in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. . . J. D. Romine, Jr., is a flight test an-

alyst for Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Company in Fort Worth, Texas. . . James O. Walker is a junior engineer with Alabama Power Company in Birmingham. . . Harry B. Simmons is working on his second degree, in civil engineering, at Auburn. . . William O. Holcombe, Jr., is a junior engineer with the T.C.I. Steel Works in Fairfield. . . Mercer L. Threlkeld is employed by the Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Company in Houston, Texas. . . Viola O'Bryant is teaching in the Jonesboro School in Bessemer. . . Homer A. Waid is in the 13 Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. . . Herbert Hawkins is assistant coach at Valley High School in Fairfax, Valley was undefeated and untied last season. . . Gene Myrand is a bookkeeper for the North Florida Finance Company in Quincy, Florida.

1951

Claude Coker has moved from Mobile to Greenville.

1952

MARRIAGES: Beverly Barnette to Stanley Woodman at the Edgehill Congregational Church in Riverdale, New York, last Nov. 23. Both hold membership in the class of '52. While at Auburn Mrs. Woodman was affiliated with Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Mr. Woodman's fraternity is Sigma Chi. . . Patricia Nelson to Charles Landon Fulgham at the Highlands Methodist Church in Birmingham last Jan. 5. Mr. Fulgham holds membership in the class of '52.

Sue Carol Walker, Miss National Press Photographer, has been chosen Popcorn Queen of the Martin theaters. Her pictures will be displayed in theater lobbies in 135 Southern cities.

Well, after all

It's A Changing World



THE first female member of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers is Anne Bonds, '50. She received her

degree in electrical engineering last June and is now an engineer-in-training with the Ga. Power Co. in Atlanta

FOR years and years, as long as anyone could remember, as long as there had been such a thing, in fact, the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers was an exclusively masculine organization.

What else do you expect, you say? Well, perhaps you're right. But you'll have to admit that an arrangement of that sort can be rather dull, even for the most dedicated engineers.

And it could be that the members of the Society were of the same opinion. Last October, for the first time in their history, they opened the membership rolls to a woman. She was Anne Bonds, '50, and even a casual examination of her accompanying photograph should be enough to convince the most reactionary engineer that in Georgia things are looking better.

Anne's home is in Atlanta, and her father graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in electrical engineering. There are no brothers in the Bonds family, only Anne and two sisters, so while she was still in pigtails young Anne decided to follow her father's profession. As you may imagine, this made Pop happy indeed.

She graduated from Auburn with her engineering degree (electrical, of course) last June and became an engineer-in-training with the Georgia Power Company in Atlanta. The work with the Power Company wasn't anything

new for Anne. She was a co-op student there for six years.

Upholding women's rights in a field belonging traditionally to men isn't anything new to her either. At Auburn she was a student member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Their group photograph in the 1950 Glomerata shows they had 77 members. Seventy-six of the members were men. The seventy-seventh was Anne.

She is classed as a statistician by the Power Company, but she says she spends most of her time doing calculations in the operating department. After four years of experience she will take an examination, and with the approval of the Georgia State Board of Examiners become a licensed electrical engineer.

While an undergraduate, Anne participated in several extra-curricular activities. She was a member of the editorial staff of *The Auburn Engineer* and belonged to the Dance Club. In addition, she was tapped for membership in two of the women's honor societies, Owls and Oracles. She holds membership in Delta Zeta sorority.

"I also experiment in mechanics," she adds, "on a 1936 car that will not run. If the board of examiners does not come across with an electrical license, maybe I'll apply for one in mechanical engineering."

We've got a feeling that the board'll come across. After all, how could they refuse?